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In re the Application of: YAMAMOTO, Takashi et al.

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For: **COLOR IMAGE FORMATION METHOD**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 23, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **June 25, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please [✓]cancel claims 17 and 18 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 1 and 9 as follows:

sub 1. (Twice Amended) A method for the formation of a color image which comprises the steps of forming an electrostatic latent image in accordance with an electrophotographic process, visualizing said electrostatic latent image by a developer transported by a developing machine to form a multicolored toner image whereby each monochromatic color toner image is formed by a

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